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three or more public places in that city or town at least seven days before the time of said hearing. The commissioners may adjourn the hearing from time to time, and may issue process to compel the attendance of witnesses for either party, and shall give notice to all parties who have appeared before them upon any application of the time and place when their decision will be given, and such decision shall be final, unless appellate proceedings are taken and prosecuted as hereinafter provided. Upon petition of any person aggrieved by the decision of the commissioners upon any application for a license filed within one week thereafter, the superior court, sitting in equity, may, after such notice as it may deem sufficient, hear all interested parties and annul, alter or affirm the decision.

Section 2. The commissioners on fisheries and game may grant a permit in writing to any person to take mollusks from the natural beds or from areas designated as unleased at such times, in such quantities, and for such uses as they shall express in their permit; but every inhabitant of a city or town may, without such permit, take mollusks from the public beds therein for the use of his family, not exceeding in any week two bushels, including shells, or any fisherman who is a naturalized citizen of this commonwealth, may take from such public beds mollusks needed for bait not exceeding at any one time seven bushels, including the shells.

#### Must Show Your Number.

Section 12. Any person to whom is issued a license by the commissioners on fisheries and game shall have the number of this license painted in letters at least two inches high in a conspicuous place on his boats and buoys.

Section 13. No person shall dig, take or carry away any mollusks or shells between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, by any method whatever, from any waters, flats or creeks.

Section 14. Any person who shall wrongfully make claims to any public mollusk ground, of which he has

no lease of title from the state, by erecting bounds or monuments thereon of any description, or otherwise claiming the title to such land, shall for the first offence pay a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, and for every subsequent offence pay a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$200.

Section 15. Any person who shall wilfully injure, deface, destroy or remove such marks or bounds as may define any lease or grant or place any mark thereon, or shall tie or fasten any boat or vessel to such stake or buoy, shall be fined \$20 for each offence. Every person in addition thereto shall be liable on an action of the case to pay double damages and costs to the person who shall be injured by harming the marks and bounds, stakes or buoys of the said grants injured, removed or destroyed as aforesaid.

Section 16. Whoever works a dredge, oyster tongs or rakes, or any other implement for the taking of mollusks upon any territory officially designated as licensed or in any way disturbs the growth of the planted mollusks without the consent of the licensee during the continuance of such license, or discharges any substance which may directly or indirectly injure the planted mollusks, shall for the first offence be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, and for each subsequent offence by fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

#### Must Not Injure Beds.

Section 17. Any person who shall wilfully break up, damage or injure any bed of mollusks, or any tract of land leased from the commonwealth for a mollusk bed, by depositing thereon earth, stones or dredging or scooping shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 and shall forfeit his

boat or vessel with her tackle, apparel and furniture, and all the implements used by him in injuring such mollusks bed.

Section 18. Any police constable in view of the commission of any offence against the provisions of this chapter shall arrest the offender without warrant and detain him for prosecution for a period not exceeding 24 hours.

Section 19. A licensee who violates any provisions of this chapter relative to the planting and growing of

mollusks or the planting of shells shall, in addition to the penalties as provided, forfeit his license.

Section 20. For the purity of all Massachusetts mollusks, no territory in polluted waters shall be granted for the growing of mollusks for market. The commissioners on fisheries and game shall from time to time make such examinations as may be necessary to ascertain the sanitary conditions of the waters over and adjacent to the mollusks producing areas and may give written certificates of the sanitary condition. No mollusks shall be taken from areas which are found upon examination to be polluted beyond such standards as may from time to time be determined by the said commissioners except that the said commissioners may make special rules and regulations for the legitimate use of mollusks from such polluted areas in such a manner as to safeguard the public health.

Section 21. This act shall not be effective in any town until adopted by a majority vote of the town at an annual or special town meeting.

Section 22. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

## NEWS FOR THE LAKE FISHERS

There is plenty of ice now on the lakes, and fishermen throughout the country are looking forward to make up the losses occasioned by the recent unseasonable weather. Michigan fishermen, however, have been held back somewhat the past week by reason of severe storms and weather, preventing them doing much work.

Huron, O., Feb. 13.—Fishermen and ice dealers wear a smile that will not come off. Practically the ice crop is assured for everyone. From Toledo, O., down the entire south shore the ice runs from six to eight inches thick, and those that have not their houses full will, without a doubt, be able to fill them, as the temperature was about zero this morning, and indications are that it will continue to be below the thawing point for a few days. A failure of the ice crop means a heavy loss to everyone connected with the fish business. While ice can be bought at present in Michigan, the freight rate makes it rather expensive for dealers to put it in the houses. A northwest wind brought fields of ice from the north shore, but they only extend out about two miles. Sandusky ice dealers have employed men from the interior towns, as labor seems to be scarce, especially to work on the ice fields. No legislation has as yet been passed relative to the fishing industry, although several fishermen have gone to Columbus, O., to talk the matter over with the committee on fish and game, and to present their side of the business and explain to them the different methods of catching fish. No fishing through the ice is being done here at present, but we understand that it is being carried on at the islands to quite an extent and at good profit to the fishermen.

The cold snap of Saturday and Sunday froze the channel at Sturgeon Bay, Wis., so firmly that the fishing tugs Sylvia and Peter Coates discontinued their trips to the city from the canal, and will wait until the break-up in the spring before coming down again.

H. C. Crowsley, state fish and game warden, has filed an affidavit in a justice's court against George Brown of Danbury Township, Ohio, charging him of maintaining fish nets contrary to law. Brown has asked for a continuance, to which the state has consented. It is contemplated to try out the merits of this law. The waters in which the alleged illegal fishing was maintained are claimed to be a part of the inland fishing district and known as East Harbor.

Bay City, Mich., Feb. 12.—The fishing at this point has been very poor the last week on account of the storms and cold weather. There have not been many fish going out this week to New York or Boston, for the dealers did not have enough perch and other kinds to fill the orders from the city and state trade, and this trade always gets the preference over other markets, as they have got to supply their state first. The fishermen at Bay Port and other points are in the same fix; too much cold and stormy weather to catch fish. The shanties are beginning to get out on the bay to fish for pickerel, and they will soon get a lot of them, for this is the time of the year they come in the bay for spring. The fishermen have their nets all mended up for spring and are now ready to go out any time they can get out, but it will be the first of April before any of them get out, and that would be considered an early spring. The dealers have their ice all up and they got nice ice and plenty of it, and about 10 to 12 inches thick, and all ice; no snow or dirt in it and fully as good as they got last year. The smoked and frozen fish trade is good, but prices are high; but the stock is scarce and they will be all sold before the Lenten season is over. The salt fish business is not very good, and they are going a little slow, but the prices are fair and the dealers will about clean up before spring fishing begins. The hook fishing in the river is not good either this week; it is too cold to stand on the ice to catch them, and, besides, the fish do not run in cold weather. The fishermen on the shore are holding onto their salt fish yet for \$2.75 to \$3.00 a keg of about 130 lbs. of fish.—Fishing Gazette.



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**FISH VERY HIGH  
AT PORTLAND**

As far back as could be remembered by the oldest men along the waterfront never have the fishermen been able to command such prices as they received for their fish Tuesday. The figures reached in the Tuesday prices for haddock, large and market cod, marked an average advance of \$2.66 per hundred. These were the record prices of Tuesday: Large cod, \$9.25; haddock, \$9.25; market cod, \$8; cusk, \$6; pollock, \$6; scrod, \$3.50; large hake, \$8; medium hake, \$6. How long these prices will prevail cannot be anticipated, but fish dealers say that the outlook at the present time is not promising for any drop, and there is a possibility that they may go even higher. The situation is serious on account of this being the lenten season, when the demand for fish is the largest during the whole year.

The cold storage plants have been doing a thriving business on account of the big demand, and have already disposed of everything, but their frozen herring, and even this fish is not plentiful and is at the present time bringing \$3 per cwt. at wholesale.

The fishermen report not only extremely bad weather, at the fishing grounds, but a most alarming scarcity of fish. Some idea of the conditions that have prevailed of late is gained from the fact that Capt. Newcomb of the Martha E. McLean and Capt. John Dyer of the sloop Crusader, recognized as two of the best fishermen in the business, set their trawls Monday for the first time in 19 consecutive days. During that time, Capt. Newcomb used \$15.30 worth of gasoline in traveling out to the fishing grounds, and back in an effort to find conditions suitable for fishing. Not once during the time did he find an opportunity to set a hook, and when Capt. Newcomb refuses to take chances few other fishermen will. All of the fishermen returning Tuesday said that Monday was the coldest day they had ever set their trawls.

The arrivals of fish Tuesday were numerous, but the fares were small. The James & Esther brought 3500, Topsall Girl about 3000, Albert Willard 2000, Katie L. Palmer 1000, Crusader 1500, Wautoga 2000, Bernie & Bessie 1500, Fannie Hayden 2000, Martha E. McLean, 1000.

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**SIGHT VESSEL  
FAST IN THE ICE**

Mr. V. Mullins, agent of Canadian Marine and Fisheries, at Halifax, received a message from Captain Taylor of the Invermore, which arrived at North Sydney Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, to the effect that Saturday evening while steaming across the Gulf his ship had sighted a schooner fast in the ice with all sail set. Her position at the time was 8 miles E. N. E., of Flint Island.

The Invermore left St. John's Thursday evening at 5 o'clock and, considering conditions, Capt. Taylor made a good run to North Sydney. It was expected the ship would go to Louisburg this trip, but the master thought it better to run to his old port.

Capt. Taylor said his ship battled with a strong W. N. W. gale, until within about 35 miles of the Cape Breton coast when a heavy, loose field of drift ice was met. It required expert seamanship to work the old Invermore through the moving ice, but the vessel came through without accident.

The service between North Sydney and Port Aux Basques will not likely be resumed for several weeks, the Bruce and Invermore sailing direct to St. John's.

Since the first of the year the interior of the Newfoundland has been visited by a series of terrific storms which badly handicapped the Reid cross county express from Port Aux Basques to St. John's. The ice in Fischel's Brook rafted up and carried away one of the bridges, putting the railway out of commission at that point, near George's Bay, on the west coast, for several days. The damage was later repaired and trains are again resuming the entire route though not always on schedule.

Mountains of snow fill the valleys and dales along the railway and terrific frosts succeed each other day after day. It is held by officials of the Reid staff that this winter promises to be the most severe of any during the past quarter of a century.

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**IRISH MACKEREL  
CATCHERS HOPE**

**That President Wilson Will  
Take Off the Duty on Their  
Salt Mackerel.**

The New York market for imported mackerel is still easy, says the Fishing Gazette. Norway Nos. 1, 2 and 4 have declined somewhat, No. 3 remaining steady. Irish mackerel also shows a decline in price. The expected Lent increase in demand has not appeared as yet, but improving business is looked for as the season advances. A New York importer says: "Lent has given some little stimulus to the Norway mackerel market, but stocks are much in buyers' favor. Some few lots which are of real choice, fine quality are held very firmly."

The foreign advices on Irish mackerel to hand are

Liverpool, Eng., January 26.—Shipments the week ending today were as follows: To Boston, str. Saxonia, 200 bbls. (Arrived Saturday.) To Philadelphia, str. Bovie, 50 bbls. Total for week ending January 26, 1913, 250 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912 Irish autumn, 23,070 bbls.

Liverpool, Eng., February 1.—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week to Boston, 659 bbls. To all other ports, 925. Total, 1584 bbls.; count of shipments, 350 to 400.

The shipments of Irish salt mackerel to Boston from Liverpool, February 1, are advised as 200 bbls., per Saxonia. Received from Hull, February 4, 50 bbls.

The Fishing Gazette correspondent at Cleggan, Galway, Ireland, writes his paper: The fall mackerel fishing on this coast ended about two months ago, as owing to the continued unprecedented rales during that time the fishermen were unable to cast a net. The fish cured towards the end of the season averaged 340 to the barrel and of very fine quality, no pains being spared to have the cure as perfect as possible. We note with entire satisfaction that your President-elect Woodrow Wilson, is being approached by a representative body of Irishmen with a view to have the hitherto prohibitive tariff of 2 cents per pound or \$2 per barrel removed off Irish cured mackerel.

Our fishermen are in great hopes that Dr. Wilson will accede to their request. This, I need hardly say, will be a boon to our poor Irishmen, which cannot be described, particularly on this south and west coast where no other industry whatever exists, and where thousands are dependant on the mackerel fishing for a living. Their lot since the fall in price of mackerel in your country (some four years ago) has been one of the greatest hardships without even the consolation of being able to make a bare living. Some four years ago, and previous, Irish mackerel were realizing \$18 to \$21 in your market; today they realize from 10 to \$14. Consequently the price paid the fishermen is so low that many whose gear was worn out were unable to replace it, and were compelled to entirely abandon it. Those who did hold on were paid such prices for their catch that it was absolutely impossible for them to purchase the bare necessities of life.

The exportation of fish from Harbin during last year were valued at \$257,000.

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**Herring Catch Short.**

As far as can be ascertained, the western herring fishery is going to be very far short of the average catch this season, says the "Trade Review." The figures of export of salted or frozen herring are now available, and we give them herewith: The figures of last season show 77 vessels engaged, and the total catch was 92,955 barrels. This winter the catch is only 69,188 barrels and 70 craft were engaged. The price this season is also less. The history of the fishery has been for 50 years, a number of seasons in succession, plenty of herring in Bonne Bay and St. George's Bay, and then, for another period of years, their disappearance on the West Coast and reappearance in Fortune or Placentia Bay, or both. We note, by the way, that there has been a good sign of herring in Fortune Bay the last few days.

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**GILL NETTER  
BROKE HIS KNEE**

Ellsworth Bennett of Boothbay Harbor, one of the crew of the gill net fishing steamer Trident, met with a severe accident Tuesday morning while the craft was engaged in fishing about seven miles southeast of the Portland lightship. It was blowing heavy at the time and the men were just getting ready to take in the nets when a big sea struck the steamer forward breaking the lashings attached to a dory on deck. The dory slid across the deck like a bullet, striking Bennett, who was just opposite, with such force that his knee went through the bottom of the dory, his right leg being broken just below the knee, the fisherman narrowly escaping from going overboard.

As quickly as possible the Trident returned to Portland and the injured man was taken to the Maine General Hospital in the police ambulance, Chauffeur Halcrow doing a good job in getting him on to the wharf from the steamer's deck, about 10 feet below, lifting him on a stretcher attached to a swinging boom. It is a particular case of hard luck for Bennett, as only about two years ago he met with an elevator accident at Boston, falling 70 feet and breaking both legs, they being fractured in five places. It has been only recently that he was able to get along without a cane, and it is expected he will be laid up a long time as the result of the injury received yesterday. His brother, Lester Bennett, is the skipper of the Trident.

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**BIG FISH PLANT  
IS BURNED FLAT**

**North Atlantic Fisheries Co.  
Outfit at Port Hawkesbury  
C. B. Is Gone.**

The big plant of the North Atlantic Fisheries Company, situated at Port Hawkesbury, was completely destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning.

The fire, which broke out about midnight in the smoke house, spread with great rapidity, and it soon became evident that the whole plant was doomed.

The power house, engine room, smoke house, canning factory and ice house were all destroyed.

For a time it was feared that the whole town would go, but a shift of wind and a heavy southeast snow storm relieved the danger.

When the fire threatened to spread to Embree's warehouse a number of valuable motor boats were removed and placed in the harbor of safety.

There is no fire fighting appliances in the town, and it was impossible to check the fire once it got under headway.

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**GILL NETTERS  
TO THE RESCUE**

**Their 30,000 Pounds Sent to  
Boston Saved Fish Famine  
There Today.**

But little relief has come to the fresh fish situation at T wharf the past 24 hours, this morning's list constituting of three shore fares with a total of 28,000 pounds.

The gill netters of this port sent about 30,000 pounds to the market and of course this helped out greatly for the day's trade.

When the Exchange opened for business yesterday, the skippers or pursers of the Ripple and the Spray and of the two schooners were ready to sell their fares from the selling platform. A number of commission men also had boxes or barrels of fresh groundfish received from other ports to offer, although these latter were rather scarce.

The bidding started far above the normal prices of any of the varieties of groundfish offered. The excitement increased, very naturally, as the bids, ever larger, continued to be shouted by the body of strong-lunged and determined purchasing agents of the various firms.

A climax—it might as well be called a riot, so great was the clamor for a time—was reached when haddock sold at \$18.50 a hundredweight. All the haddock that was offered for sale didn't bring this price, by any means, the size and age of the fish having a great deal to do with it, but a quantity of haddock was sold at this figure, paid by a wholesale firm.

Another record was made and an equally great clamor followed the selling a lot of pollock at the hitherto undreamed-of figure of \$14 a hundredweight. Normally pollock brings seldom more than \$4 a hundredweight.

The few thousand pounds of mixed fish from the gill netters that went from here yesterday brought gilded prices. Codfish brought 12 cents a pound while a small lot of haddock sold at 18 cents a pound, and a box for 17 3-4 cents a pound right through. Pollock brought \$7.50.

Haddock this morning was quoted at \$7.25 to \$7.50 a hundred pounds; large cod, \$7.50 to \$9; market cod, \$6 to \$7; hake, \$4 to \$10; pollock, \$5.50.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 19,000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake, 200 pollock.

Sch. Ethel B. Penny, 5500 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 2000 haddock, 300 cod, 600 hake.

Haddock, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$7.50 to \$9; market cod, \$6 to \$7; hake, \$4 to \$10; pollock, \$5.50.

**Porto Rico Fish Market.**

Our last report was dated 21st inst., since when the following arrivals of fishstuffs have taken place: At San Juan, 91 tcs. and 20 drs. cod, 19 tcs. pollock, 5 tcs. haddock, 10 tcs. and 15 drs. fish, 113 bbls. herring, 35 half bbls. mackerel, 790 bbs. bloaters, 400 bbls. smoked herring. Also some 100 tcs. cod bound for Ponce and ordered discharged here. At Ponce, 422 tcs. and 30 drs. cod, 113 cs. and 41 drs. pollock, 27 tcs. haddock, 42 bbls. herring, 100 bbls. smoked herring. At Mayaguez, 41 tcs. cod, 15 tcs. pollock, 100 bbls. smoked herring. At Arroyo, 8 tcs. cod, 2 tcs. fish.

Under pressure of heavier receipts, our markets are weakening, especially at Ponce where receivers are again at the old game of biting off more than they can chew. Prices have gradually declined and in view of recent sales made by Ponce parties in our market, we cannot quote today above: Codfish, \$31 to \$31.50 per cask 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$22.50 to \$23.

Reported January 28, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

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**Made a Good Trip.**

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, stocked \$2370.27 as the result of her recent halibuting trip, the share being \$51.05 to a man clear. Some of the crew, who had headline fish besides, shared as high as \$81 apiece. Although four weeks out on the last trip the weather was so bad during the entire trip that Capt. Stream got but two days fishing.



## GOOD LIFTS FOR SOME BOATS

**Gill Netting Fleet Had Total of 30,000 Pounds Catch Yesterday.**

The bad weather outside still continues, much to the interference of the shore boats and gill netters. Yesterday the chances were better than they have been for several days, as a result of which several of the larger sized gill netting steamers had some good lifts.

Steamer F. S. Willard was high line with 7000 pounds. Other good trips were steamers Ethel, 6150 pounds; Nomad, 5000 pounds; Enterprise, 3000 pounds; Nora B. Robinson, 4000 pounds; Naomi Bruce and Nashawena, 2500 pounds a piece.

Steamer Sawyer broke the steam pipe on her lift yesterday and was obliged to return to port.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. John McKay, arrived from Portland with 6000 pounds of salt cod after disposing of his halibut fare there yesterday. Capt. McKay reports speaking Capt. George Marr of sch. Monitor on Green Bank recently.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Margaret, via Portland, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 6150 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Stranger, shore.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Reta, A. Viator, shore.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2, snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75. snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c.

Bank halibut 25c per lb. for white, 18c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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## PORPOISE GAVE THEM ICY BATH

**Two of Gill Netter Nomad's Crew Near to Freezing When Rescued.**

Manuel Sylvester and Joseph Costa, two of the crew of the gill netting steamer Nomad of this port had an exciting experience with a 200-pound porpoise Tuesday afternoon off Thatcher's which upset their dory and gave both men an icy bath.

The porpoise, a large specimen, was harpooned by Sylvester, who has the reputation of being one of the best harpoon throwers on board. As soon as the iron struck the fish, he made a strenuous and frantic effort to free itself from the stinging lance, which was firmly imbedded in its body. The line was made fast to the dory, and the boat and its occupants were jerked this way and that as the porpoise struggled. The fishermen enjoyed the sport, but the unexpected happened: The porpoise darted suddenly to one side, the dory was capsized and Sylvester and Costa floundered in the sea.

Owing to their heavy sea boots and clothing the men found difficulty in keeping afloat, but they reached the overturned dory and climbed upon its bottom. Both were numb from the cold and while they clung in precarious safety, the porpoise renewed its fight for freedom. It thrashed the water into foam, sounded and went full speed ahead, dragging the dory, with each movement the two half frozen fishermen astride the boat were nearly thrown off.

Meantime those aboard the Nomad witnessed the plight of their comrades and the vessel hastened to their assistance. The rescue was quickly effected, and Wednesday the porpoise sold at T wharf, Boston, for about two cents a pound.

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### Smelts As Fertilizer.

Up to within a score or so of years ago they had not discovered, in the Province of New Brunswick, that smelts are good to eat. The fishermen used to catch the shiny little fellows by the ton and spread them in thick layers over their fields for fertilizer. Then some enterprising provincial discovered there was a demand for the fish in Boston, and the smelt industry suddenly rose in importance, and is continuing to rise with the rise in the price and the scarcity of the supply of the once despised fish that formerly swarmed in the waters of New Brunswick.—New York "Press."

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### The Bruce Met Ice.

The steamship Bruce, Capt. Taylor, on her last trip to Basques from North Sydney steamed through many miles of Arctic ice, heavy but loose. In view of this the Reid Company will this week take the Invermore from the route and go with the Bruce until the arrival of the Lintrose about a month hence.

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### Angling An Old Art.

The art of angling goes far back into remote ages. Some authorities say it is as ancient as Deucalion's flood; others that Belus, who was the first inventor of innocent recreations, was the first inventor of angling; others that Seth, one of the sons of Adam, taught it to his sons, and that by them it was transmitted to posterity. Some of these ideas may have emanated from men who have had a "fad" for making angling more ancient than is needful. Angling, however, is more ancient than the Christian era, for mention of fish hooks is made in the book of the Prophet Amos and inasmuch as it is generally accepted that that book was written by Moses, it may be reasonably supposed that there were anglers in those days.—English Fishing Gazette.

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## THEY ARE ALL FISHING TODAY

**First Fair Morning For Long While Giving Gill Netters a Chance.**

Outside of three gill netters, no other arrivals were reported here yesterday, the bad weather outside having kept the greater part of the little fleet inside, while the market boats were also obliged to remain in port.

The gill netters took advantage of the fine weather conditions of the morning and all will probably lift their nets today. Those who have managed to secure trips the past week have profited by the top notch market prices, but indications for the coming week point to a big reduction on all grades of fresh fish.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Lydia gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, via Boston.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Avalon, halibuting.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Josephine DeCosta haddocking.

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Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round, 90c.

Bank halibut 25c per lb. for white, 18c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

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### No Fish at Twillingate.

The Propero, his trip brought the last of the fish from Twillingate for shipment abroad, and we are informed that there is not a fish there except what is intended for local consumption. It is not usual for Twillingate to be cleaned out so early, but the prices have been high and the demand good. It is a sign of prosperity.—St. John's, N. F., Herald, Feb. 1.

### Fishing Tug Thought Lost is Safe.

The fishing tug Sunbeam, Captain Roy Smith, which was supposed to have gone to the bottom of Lake Michigan Thursday, steamed safely into Sheboygan, Wisconsin, yesterday.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Flora L. Oliver arrived at Liverpool, N. S., and cleared for fishing.

## PRICES SAGGED OFF QUICKLY

**With the Increased Number Of Fish Arrivals at T Wharf Today.**

The situation at T wharf this morning showed some improvement over the preceeding days, there having arrived seven fares of fresh fish since yesterday, including two from off shore.

It being the week-end and in view of the prospects of a number of the off shore fleet reaching port the first of the week, prices took a downward drop. The largest hauls were schs. Pontiac, 48,000 pounds; Alice M. Guthrie, 68,000 pounds; Terra Nova, 42,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$4 to \$6 a hundred pounds; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$9; and pollock, \$4 to \$5.50.

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 10,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Sch. Pontiac, 31,000 haddock, 10,000 cod 2000 hake, 3000 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie 25,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 25,000 hake, 4000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Sch. Matchless 9000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh, 8000 haddock, 900 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Terra Nova, 34,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 500 hake, 3500 cusk, 600 halibut.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 haddock, 600 cod, 100 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$7; market cod, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$4 to \$9, pollock, \$4 to \$5.50.

## CUT OFF DOGFISH RESOLUTIONS

The frisky, pestiferous aromatic dogfish made his appearance in the Maine Legislature Thursday morning.

The especial object of attention from Charles E. Davis of Orr's island came into prominence through the medium of Representative Harman of Stonington. As everyone knows, Mr. Davis has been an implacable foe of the dogfish. He has raised his big cudgel aloft for years on behalf of the fishermen of Maine and has sought legislation that would lead to the destruction of these "scavengers of the deep."

Mr. Davis has been in communication with Representative Harman about the matter and many letters have passed between them. But Mr. Harman has been investigating on his own hook as he informed a press reporter. He has inquired of Luther Maddocks of Boothbay Harbor about dogfish and has learned that Mr. Maddocks has made money out of making fertilizer from the dogfish. But the supply of the "scavengers" has been diminishing and, as Mr. Harman says, this shows they may be eradicated. "A female dogfish can produce only two or three pup dogfish a year," he told the press. "It is therefore an easy matter to kill them off."

And so, on his own hook, he presented a resolution in the Legislature this morning dealing with dogfish. He called upon the Legislature to go on record as favoring the bill now before Congress which will help destroy the small sharks. The resolution presented by him was a long one. It recited the family history of the dogfish and told how that piscatorial denizen had preyed upon the food fish of Maine so that fishermen had suffered in their business. When only a part of the resolution had been detailed by Clerk Roix, Representative Austin of Phillips moved the further reading be suspended. This was done without a murmur.—Portland Daily Press.

### Halibuter Spoken.

Capt. John McKay of sch. Margaret reports speaking sch. Monitor, Capt. George Marr on Green Bank recently.